

# Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

February 22, 2016

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## Important Dates:

March 22 - Elementary Instrumental Music Festival

March 19 - Young Scientists Conference

## News

The Elementary Instrumental Music Festival will be held at OPRF High School on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This event features EVERY 4th & 5th grade student who is in band or orchestra, over 700 students!

Students will be bused to the high school on Monday, March 21 or Tuesday, March 22 for an hour long rehearsal. Please click the link below and fill out the permission slip to give your student permission to attend. The specific dates and times are included in the e-mail.

**[Permission for Festival Rehearsals - CLICK HERE](#)**

***PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CLICK SUBMIT ON THE FINAL SCREEN!!!***

We are looking for parents to ride the buses and assist with rehearsal supervision, and there is a space to mark that on the permission link.

If you have further questions, please contact your student's band or orchestra teacher directly.

Thank you!

Gabby Rosenblum - Beye BAND

Vince Greco - Holmes, Irving, Mann BAND

Sandra Korelc - Beye, Holmes, Longfellow, Whittier ORCHESTRA

Brian Shannon - Hatch, Whittier BAND

Ericka Shannon - Hatch, Irving, Lincoln, Mann ORCHESTRA

Amy Vogt - Lincoln, Longfellow BAND

## **D97 Young Scientists Conference!**

Oak Park District 97 presents...The **2016 Young Scientists Conference!** It will return after a 3-year hiatus on Saturday, March 19, 9 AM - 10:30AM & 11AM -12:30PM at Horace Mann School. The Young Scientists Conference provides D97 students in grades K-8 an opportunity to interact with scientists in hands-on workshops. Workshops are led by professionals in all fields of science. Many scientists also volunteer throughout the year in educational partnerships with D97 schools through Oak Park Education Foundation's Science Alliance Program. Students are assigned to one 90-minute workshop based on grade level. Students must register and are selected from homerooms by lottery to help assure that all schools and grades are represented. Participants will be notified by late

February. Please register at <http://www.op97.org/ysc2016/>. Registration ends February 10. If you have any questions, please email [youngscientists@op97.org](mailto:youngscientists@op97.org).

### **Food Pantry Donations**

The first grade Daisy Girl Scout Troop is collecting items to donate to the Oak Park Food Pantry. Items include shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We are also asking for "birthday kits" that can include cake mix, frosting and candles. These items are greatly appreciated by families in need. We have placed a colorful box in front of the office and will be accepting donations through March 7.

Thank you for your consideration!  
Daisy Troop #45231

### **Typing Practice**

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:  
<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

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**Specials-** [www.holmesspecials.blogspot.com](http://www.holmesspecials.blogspot.com)

### **Art**

Last week to work on the Design-An-Ad contest!  
~Ms. Jones ([kjones@op97.org](mailto:kjones@op97.org))

### **Music**

We will finish singing "Song for Winter" for our vocal assessments done this week. There is one more help session for all the assessments (singing, recorder, and composing), which will be Wednesday February 24th from 11:45-12:15. If you have any questions please email me at [akaria@op97.org](mailto:akaria@op97.org).  
--Mrs. Karia

### **Chorus**

We are now be practicing for our District Festival. The permission slips will be sent through email this week. If you do not receive one by this weekend email me at [akaria@op97.org](mailto:akaria@op97.org).

### **Spanish**

We have completed our IMovies on each of our interpretation of Juan el Bombero. Now we are making new stories!. To check for any further updates visit my [blog](#). Or email me at [afavela@op97.org](mailto:afavela@op97.org).

### **Library, Reading Olympics**

The Holmes Reading Olympics competition is **this Wednesday, February 24th** in the morning. The district competition is the following Monday, February 29th for the winning team of three.  
<http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/Reading-Olympics.cfm>

### **Library**

We will be starting a research project in the library in the next few weeks. Students will be researching a country of their choice, writing a narrative from the point of view of a student in that country, and making a movie that highlights a "day in the life..." in that country. We will be using the CultureGrams database through the OPPL [Homework Help](#) page. While the majority of the project will be done in the library, students may wish to access the databases at home. To do so, students will need an OPPL

card and PIN.

Don't forget to email me with any questions! [mmaneck@op97.org](mailto:mmaneck@op97.org)

### **Physical Education**

Happy New Year! Our Holmes students will kick this new year off with conditioning. That's right! After much holiday feasting, it's time to whip our future leaders back in shape! Also for the entire month of February, our p.e. district 97 gymnastics unit will be going on. Specific skills such as balance and coordination will be key targets for the students improve upon and/or master..

### **Reading/Literature**

This week, we will continue our focus on informational texts within our ELA unit, "Taking a Stand." Students will working with identifying main ideas of, and summarizing, informational texts about the historic Brown Vs. Board of Education case. They will take a Research Simulation summative assessment on Friday.

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

### **Writing**

Our writing time will be spent working on science fair research papers. Students have completed a graphic organizer and will begin drafting, by synthesizing information from multiple sources to answer questions about their topic.

### **Math**

This week, students will be learning about multiplying fractions by fractions. They will be using paper models to help show their thinking. Students will also be developing video tutorials highlighting different fraction problem solving skills. There will be a short quiz on Friday covering fraction multiplication.

Holmes School is one of over 1,100 schools in the Chicago area participating in the Khan Academy Learnstorm challenge. Participating 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students earn points for mastering math skills and also for persevering with difficult tasks. Last week, Holmes was ranked 80th two of the public leaderboards, and three 5th grade students were also in the top 100 5th graders participating in the contest.

### **Science**

In science this week, the students will be continuing to set up our experiments for Science Fair and typing out their procedures on a Google Doc so that they can conduct these at home. Please make sure that your child is up to date with the deadlines!

### **Social Studies**

This week we will launch the "Diary from the New World" assignment. Using notes from class, students will create a diary from the perspective of a colonist. Please check out our Fifth Grade Wiki for accompanying resources.

### **Word Study**

This week, we will work within Unit 3 Lesson 13 of our vocabulary curriculum, which focuses on the Latin base *ped* and the Greek base *pod*, meaning "foot, feet" Students will have word work for this lesson due on Friday.

Visit the **Holmes Digital Backpack** - <http://www.op97.org/holmes/digitalbackpack/>

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